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If the Examiner has any questions or comments with respect to the present application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at (925) 570 8198. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due to our Deposit Account No. 50-2766 (Order No. KL-DEM1P008).

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11/30/01 2161 U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS **EXAMINER** DOCUMENT DATE NAME SUBCLASS FILING DATE IF CLASS INITIAL* NUMBER APPROPRIATE AA 6,684,193 01/27/2004 Chavez et al. AB 6,553,352 04/22/2003 Delurgio et al. AC 6,044,357 03/28/2000 Garg OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.) **EXAMINER DATE CONSIDERED**

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